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Dear Birchwood Families, Staff and Community Members:

I am pleased to share that during last night's meeting, the Rockaway Township Board of Education officially approved Ms. Shari Castelli as the interim principal of Birchwood Elementary School.

Ms. Castelli brings over 35 years of dedicated educational experience to our school community, most recently serving as the acting superintendent of the Morris County Vocational School District. Throughout her distinguished career, she has remained committed to a clear guiding philosophy:

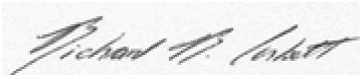
> *"Every child deserves a high-quality education delivered in a school where teaching and learning are treated as a shared joy, not just a job."*

Given her extensive background and leadership experience, I am confident Ms. Castelli will provide strong, compassionate leadership and stability for Birchwood, especially as we build upon the lessons and navigate the challenges of the past year.

Ms. Castelli will serve as Interim Principal through the upcoming winter break. A permanent principal will be selected to officially take the helm on January 4, 2027.

We recognize that leadership transitions bring change, and we deeply appreciate your continued partnership, patience, and support as we welcome Ms. Castelli into the Birchwood family.

Sincerely,



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